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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1917

Introduced by Assembly Member Davis

February 16, 2010

An act to add Section 66721.9 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1917, as amended, Davis. Community colleges: *colleges: transfer rate improvement.*

Existing

(1) *Existing* law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to maintain and operate community college campuses at which they provide instruction to students.

This bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to the number of community college students in this state who are able to attain degrees or transfer to another institution of higher education. ~~The bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the California Community Colleges to establish a statewide system for improving transfer rates among community college students.~~

The bill would require the board of governors to develop and adopt a statewide system for improving transfer rates among community college students by January 1, 2012. The bill would require the board

of governors to consult with the Trustees of the California State University and the Regents of the University of California in developing and adopting this system. The bill would require that the system developed and adopted under the bill be implemented throughout the California Community Colleges commencing with the 2012–13 academic year.

To the extent that the implementation of the system developed and adopted under the bill imposes new duties on community college districts, this bill would constitute a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. ~~(a)~~The Legislature finds and declares that,
2 according to a recent study, California Community Colleges enroll
3 nearly one-fourth of all community college students in the United
4 States, but less than one-fourth of students seeking degrees at these
5 colleges attain their goal or transfer to another institution within
6 six years.

7 ~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require~~
8 ~~the California Community Colleges to establish a statewide system~~
9 ~~for improving transfer rates among community college students.~~

10 SEC. 2. Section 66721.9 is added to the Education Code, to
11 read:

12 66721.9. The Board of Governors of the California Community
13 Colleges shall develop and adopt a statewide system for improving
14 transfer rates among community college students by January 1,
15 2012. In developing and adopting the system for improving transfer
16 rates under this section, the board of governors shall consult with
17 the Trustees of the California State University and the Regents of
18 the University of California. This system shall be implemented

1 *throughout the California Community Colleges commencing with*
2 *the 2012–13 academic year.*
3 *SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
4 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
5 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
6 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
7 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

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